

2022

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOU WERE
BORN FOR
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THIS

ESTHER 4:14



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH & SCHOOL

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A Note from Father Dave & the St. Francis Team

You were born for such a time as this. Esther 4:14

Have you read the story of Esther? It's definitely worth your time. The Book of Esther tells a story of the deliverance of the Jewish people. Central to the story is Esther whose character matures over the course of the narrative. As a girl she is recruited for the king's harem because of her physical beauty. But at a key moment in the book, she rises to the challenge to risk her life for the salvation of her people. At that point, she transforms her status as queen from a position of personal privilege to one of power and public responsibility. Like Esther, each of us were divinely appointed to a time and place. We happen to be at St. Francis in Newark, Ohio and, though we're not literally faced with risking our lives, we do have a public responsibility to sacrifice for the "salvation of our people." Practically speaking, it means we are asked to provide financial support for our parish.

Within these pages you will find testimonies from members of our parish family who, through the power of the gospel, have undergone a transformation through a faithful reawakening. You'll see how these encounters with Jesus and the gospel made available at St. Francis creates a ripple effect within our community and throughout the world. These stories are a direct result of your gifts to this parish through the annual offertory.

No matter how large or small your gift, we ask you to join us, and your fellow parishioners, as we work together for the salvation of our people.

May we be blessed by your generosity with ample resources to bring others to the truth and joy only found in Christ's church!

2021 - 22 Financial Report

| Budget vs. Actuals: Final 2022 Budget - FY22 P&L | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|
| July 2021 - June 2022 | | | | |
| | Actual | Budget | Notes | |
| Income | | | | |
| Offertory | \$ 1,356,395.32 | \$ 1,254,863.17 | Income is comprised of money that we receive from various sources like offertory, tuition and registration fees, gifts, fundraisers and Diocesan grants. We use all of the income to pay for things we need to run the parish and school - from toilet paper to salaries to the electric bill, and everything in between. | |
| Special Gifts, Bequests & Societies | \$ 104,685.03 | \$ - | | |
| Parish Activities Income Less Ministries, Hospitality, Bereavement, etc. Expenses | \$ (16,860.92) | \$ (8,720.00) | | |
| Faith Formation Income | \$ 39,977.69 | \$ 39,330.00 | | |
| Other Parish Income Candles, Flower Fund, Misc. Income, Refunds, CD Sales, etc. | \$ 18,372.63 | \$ 27,548.10 | | |
| School EANS Grant | \$ 153,000.00 | \$ - | | |
| Total School Receipts | \$ 1,425,766.14 | \$ 1,425,888.00 | | |
| Total Income | \$ 3,081,335.89 | \$ 2,738,909.27 | | |
| Expenses | | | | |
| I Adult Programs Supply & Expense | \$ 47,466.24 | \$ 38,300.00 | Includes Wedding Prep, Baptism Prep, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA. | |
| II Parish Life | \$ 54,669.56 | \$ 26,460.00 | Includes Church Supplies and Expenses, Altar Wine and Bread, Liturgy and Altar, Vestments, Candles, Books and Pamphlets, Christmas and Easter Gifts, Parish Reserves, Lenten and Advent Magnificats, Music and Stipends. | |
| III Youth Programs Supply & Expense | \$ 157,785.67 | \$ 160,275.12 | Includes Summit, Elevate, and Chosen Ministries, Parish School of Religion, Sacramental Prep, and Vacation Bible School. | |
| IV Parish Operations | \$ 684,385.54 | \$ 609,262.20 | Includes Priest, Pastoral Life, Payroll Cost of Parish Administration, Music Salaries, Office Supplies, printing, photocopying, communications cost, internet, Strategic Reserves, and banking charges. | |
| V School Operations Cost | \$ 270,957.60 | \$ 215,952.12 | Includes School Administrative and Office Salaries and Payroll Cost, Office Supplies, Fees and Subscriptions, Communications, Jon Peterson Reserves, and Professional Development. | |
| VI School Staffing Cost | \$ 1,157,480.94 | \$ 1,100,579.32 | Includes Teaching and other school staff, EANS Employee Cost, benefits, and cost. | |
| VII School Instruction Supply & Expense | \$ 137,734.13 | \$ 132,345.70 | Includes Teaching materials not covered by Auxiliary Funds, technology, religious instruction supplies and expenses, along with Classical Education Expenses and Reserves. | |
| VIII School Maintenance, Taxes, Buildings & Utility Costs | \$ 218,806.17 | \$ 198,887.44 | Includes Inspections and Contracts, Preventative Maintenance Supplies and Repairs, Snow Removal, Utilities, Taxes, and Insurance. | |
| IX School Bad Debts | \$ - | \$ - | Bad Debt Expense due to uncollected tuition. | |
| X Capital Expenditures | \$ 44,000.00 | \$ - | Preschool Play Yard. Most upgrades and Capital Expenditures were done through Capital Campaign Funds not reflected in this report. | |
| XI Parish Maintenance, Buildings, Diocesan Assesment, Taxes, & Grounds | \$ 299,679.47 | \$ 246,225.68 | Includes Maintenance Salaries, Contracts and Inspections, Preventative Maintenance Supplies and Repairs, Snow Removal, Maintenance Reserves, Insurance Cost, Diocesan Assessment, Utilities, and Property Taxes. | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,072,965.32 | \$ 2,728,287.58 | | |
| Total Income Less Expenses | \$ 8,370.57 | \$ 10,621.69 | Remaining income left in parish checking to buffer for the next year. | |

Understanding the Report

Once again, we had designed our budget with growth in mind. On the Parish level we will continue to budget for both onsite and virtual offerings for faith formation including our audio/visual tech equipment and personnel. We grew both our family ministries and marriage enrichment programs to meet the needs of our parish and the greater Newark communities. Staff members were able to receive a small raise, but it was nowhere near the rising inflation.

Fortunately, this year we gratefully did not have any losses in tuition dollars. We experienced a good amount of growth in our school, and we have even added an additional Kindergarten class for the 2022-23 school year. This growth has been a great relief as we have some grants that will run out at the end of the school year.

Overall, our ministries have grown, and we are grateful to see the transformative power of Christ in our parish. As we see a healthier financial outlook for the parish, we hope to realize enough of an increase in offertory to offset the cost of a Parochial Vicar for 2023. What a blessing having another priest here at St. Francis would be!

We want to make it a point to express our gratitude to our missionary, unpaid staff members, and volunteers for all of the work and help that they have done to make the parish and school run. Without them none of this work would be possible. Furthermore, the strong commitment and dedication of our parish and school staff helped us stay true and faithful to our mission and day-to-day operations.

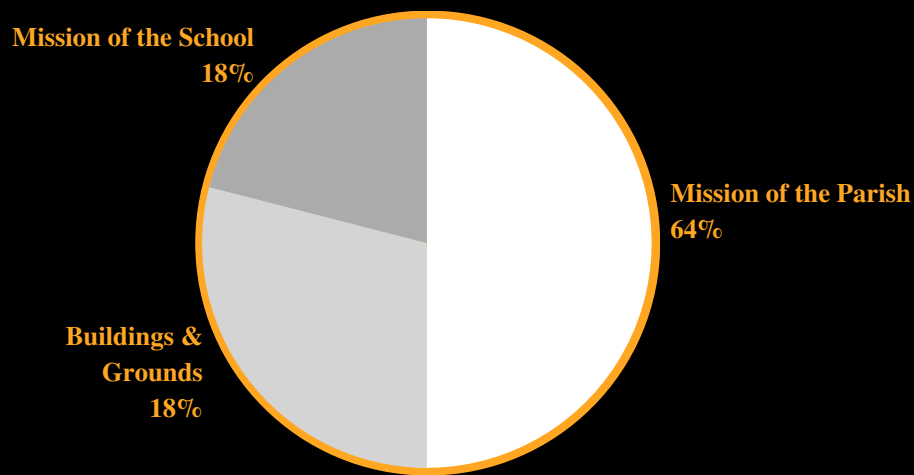
Moving forward into 2023, we are asking all of our parishioners for modest increases to their offertory giving in order to get us where we need to be in order to support a Parochial Vicar.

We are truly grateful for all that we were able to do and the ability to enrich our parishioners' faith lives through your generosity!



How do we use the Offertory?

Offertory supports the daily operations of our growing parish and school to support our mission of Making Disciples and Disciple Makers for Jesus Christ. This includes funding our ministries and outreach efforts, faith formation and religious education, spiritual programs and evangelistic efforts, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, facilities, grounds and maintenance, taxes and insurance premiums and other administrative costs.



What are Restricted Funds?

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose they were given. The parish is not legally free to use these funds at will.

Examples of Restricted Funds are:

- Student Tuition
- SPICE Donations
- Donations to Catholic Outreach Ministries
- Maintenance Reserves
- Capital Campaign Donations
- Donations given to the parish by donors for a specific project and/or ministry

Fruits of Your Giving

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

Mary Hannigan is 98-years young and has been a member of our parish since 1990. Mary shares, “when I first came to St. Francis it was very hard to make friends. There was not much to get involved in. I really felt it [the loneliness] the first year.” Eventually Mary made friends through the women of St. Francis, the parish’s longest existing women’s ministry. She reflects on the differences between then and now, “The number of ways one can be active these days - it is a whole lot better than it was. There’s so much more to do now. When I first came there was nothing but the women of St. Francis. There is something for most people no matter what [state they are in] their life.”

Mary has been attending Walking with Purpose since it was brought to the adult faith formation lineup at St. Francis. When the stay-at-home order was implemented in the early days of the pandemic, our parish quickly pivoted to continue Walking with Purpose online via Zoom. Without this shift many - especially those like Mary - would have been left without community and left alone to face very difficult time in solitude.

Fortunately, fellow parishioner Steve Schorger was instrumental in helping her stay connected. When the stay-at-home order began Steve used his talents with technology to help many of our not-so-tech-savvy parishioners, including Mary, to navigate the virtual world. Mary says that because of this she was able to stay connected with her parish family, commenting, “it’s never too late to grow in faith.” Since then, Steve has even taught Mary how to order groceries online, watch Mass



online when she is unable to attend in person, to listen to Father Mike Schmitz’s Bible in A Year Podcast, and he recently helped her download a radio app so she can listen to her favorite radio station.

Listening to their story it is clear that it was for such a time as this that Steve was put in Mary’s path and it is a time such as this that we are all called to share our resources with the parish to ensure that faith and community can continue to grow no matter world circumstance.

Share your story of how
St. Francis
has positively impacted
your life.

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Fruits of Your Giving



HIDDEN GEM IN NEWARK

I never knew a place like St. Francis de Sales School existed, even more so a place where my children would actually get the opportunity to attend here in Newark, Ohio. How beautiful that my children start off the school day with an all-school Vice-Principal led prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. How wonderful that my children are taught with Classical Education rooted in truth and goodness by Christ-like teachers. How amazing that my children attend weekly Mass with their teachers and peers. Being a new volunteer at the school witnessing all these things makes me overwhelmed with joy from the Holy Spirit! St. Francis is helping to shape our children into respectful, loving, intelligent, contributing members of society rooted in faith and love for Christ! Thank you!

- The Black Family



NEW FOUND PURPOSE IN LIFE

I absolutely love St. Francis de Sales Parish and School. Both have given me a sense of purpose in my life. For 20+ years I have been a member of St. Francis, yet it has only been the last 3-1/2 years that I have become active in the parish. Unfortunately, it took a personal tragedy to bring me to the church. God then turned the tragedy into a blessing. Through Fr. Sizemore, God truly saved my life. He and all the beautiful people on staff, volunteers, and sisters-in-Christ welcomed me into their hearts, provided for me a sense of belonging and a place of refuge. I love being involved with our parish and will be forever grateful. To be here and see smiling faces, growing in faith every day is truly a gift from God.

- Nancy Moran

Capital Campaign Recap

COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

We are now beginning year four. We have collected \$3,200,116.89 on pledges and still have an unrealized pledge income of \$297,696.86 to collect over the next two years. We are right on time with all our projects. Below you will find our project list. Year 1, 2 and 3 are completed projects. Year 4 and 5 are projects that are current and/or are scheduled to be completed in this fiscal year. Finally, remember that any monies left after all projects are completed will be placed in the Parish Maintenance Reserves as designated during the pledge drive.

We have been blessed by some businesses and parishioners who have come forward and completed some of our projects with discounts on materials and labor. This has truly helped us to stretch all the funds given to us. In addition, we have some projected projects funded by donors who have come forward asking to fill a specific need.

YEAR 1 PROJECTS - \$2,253,710 - COMPLETED

- Security System Update
- Faith & Family Center Construction
- Lamy Center & School Renovations
- Furniture & Equipment Procurement
- Chimney Caps
- Campus-wide Internal Telephone System Upgrade
- Gym Painting
- School Air Conditioning Installation
- Preschool Heating & Cooling Upgrades

YEAR 2 PROJECTS - \$110, 027 - COMPLETED


- New Altar
- Slattery Hall Heating & Cooling Upgrades
- Sanctuary & Adoration Painting
- Worship Seating
- Slattery Hall Tuckpointing
- Renovation of old cafeteria into meeting/storage space

YEARS 3 PROJECTS - \$251,152 - COMPLETED

- Tuckpointing
- Sanctuary Flooring
- Sacristy & Adoration Chapel Flooring

YEARS 4-5 PROJECTS - IN PROCESS

- Adoration Chapel Handicap Access Installation
- Lighting Protection Upgrade
- School Plumbing Upgrade
- Asbestos Removal
- Church Air Conditioning
- Boiler Repairs and Upgrades



Guard this
rich trust with
the help of the
Holy Spirit
2 Timothy 1:14

Make a Forever Gift

What we have, we do not own. We are the caretakers of what God has entrusted to us. That makes it easier to see and understand our responsibility to cultivate, manage, multiply and share what we have. We will want to leave something for the next generation – our children, our community, our parish. So how do we do this? How do we provide for the next generation of our parish? The Saint Jane de Chantal Society can help.

The St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society is comprised of St. Francis de Sales parishioners and other community members who give, or make provision for future giving, to memorialize God’s incredible goodness in their own lives. Remember, everything we have is a gift from God. The Giving Society provides a vehicle to offer future perpetual support of our parish. We, in turn, are given the opportunity to recognize, honor and thank all who show their gratitude to God in this extraordinary way.

CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE GIVING SOCIETY

- Make provision in your will or living trust, setting aside a specific amount or percentage of your estate for St. Francis de Sales Parish.
- Make a gift of real estate or other appreciated property (stocks, bonds, etc.).
- Purchase a charitable gift annuity. Name the parish or school as a beneficiary of all or a portion of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan, or charitable remainder or lead trust.
- Contribute to one of our endowments for the St. Francis de Sales Parish and School.

As you consider any plans to give to St. Francis de Sales Parish and School, you should consult with a financial planner and/or attorney to discuss your specific situation.

BECOMING A MEMBER MEANS:

- Your family will be remembered perpetually in an annual Mass
- You will receive a personal invitation to attend the annual St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society Dinner
- Recognition in our annual Stewardship of Treasure publication
- Recognition on the St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society plaque in our Faith & Family Center
- Tax and estate planning advantages

The amount and details of your legacy gift will never be publicly disclosed.



OUR APPEAL TO YOU

We invite you to help prepare for the future of St. Francis de Sales by prayerfully considering a one-time or recurring gift to one of our parish endowments. The endowment funds, managed by The Catholic Foundation, are meant to provide support for our parish and its ministries for future generations. Endowments are important because they can provide a steady source of revenue each year. **We do not draw from the principle of the endowments, only 5% of the interest annually.**

Our current endowment funds include:

- Twylah & Charles Grunewald Memorial Endowment Fund - \$15,325.89
- Thomas McGann Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund - \$31,566.83
- The Brady Hempleman Memorial Scholarship - \$21,670.37
- The Licking County Catholic Schools SPICE Endowment Fund - \$132,081.06
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic Outreach Ministries Fund - \$10,719.21
- St. Francis de Sales General Needs & Infrastructure Fund - \$32,404.48
- St. Francis de Sales Mission, Ministries, & Evangelization Fund - \$35,877.06
- St. Francis de Sales School Fund - \$612,004.94
- Mount Cavalry Cemetery Endowment Fund - \$44,222.34
- St. Joseph Cemetery Endowment Fund - \$113,107.65

As of September 2022, we have **\$1,048,979.83** in our endowments. It's important to remember that we have been blessed with gifts from God and when we return to Him we need to pass those gifts on to future generations. Wouldn't it be nice to know where those gifts are going and who they will be helping? Please consider how these gifts can support the future of St. Francis de Sales and your Catholic faith through planned giving.

Gifts can be made from a variety of assets and can occur during your life or as a bequest in your will or trust. We work with The Catholic Foundation as our trusted partner because they assure peace of mind that our endowments are invested in alignment with our Catholic teachings and values and the investments are made conservatively. You can help us grow the endowments by contributing to them at any time and in any amount. Your gift is a tangible way to express unending gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. It provides an opportunity to perpetually resource our Catholic faith in our parish.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SOCIETY MEMBERS:

- Edward and Laura Lewis
- Helen Sage
- Anonymous Donors
- Richard and Kathleen Gummer
- Judith Marshall
- John Miller

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ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

Our parish partner for charitable planning! Giving can be a lifelong journey that includes your entire family and creates a legacy of giving that lasts for generations. Talk with our team today! Contact Maggie Wright, OFS Director of Finance and Development at 740.345.9874 x204 or mwright@stfrancisparish.net.



Fruits of Your Giving

know about the Catholic faith. My husband and I committed to attending Mass more regularly in hopes of kindling a spark of excitement about the Catholic faith.

In Matthew 7:7, Jesus says "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." I can assure you that these words are true. I asked God to give me a "spark." He put me in those pews where I received an invitation to step outside of my comfort zone and explore my faith a bit deeper. I was seeking something, even though I didn't know exactly what it was. God provided me with experiences in Alpha and Walking with Purpose that helped me understand that HE was what I had been seeking all along. Participating in these opportunities encouraged me to knock to see what he had in store for me next, and He opened the door Missionaries to the Family, Thrive, and Evangelical Catholic.

Six years later, and my family is thriving at St. Francis de Sales Parish and School. The difference is, I know exactly why we are here. My family feels at home within the walls of this church and school but is also well equipped to carry the light outside of these walls to our family, friends, and neighbors who are seeking truth in all the wrong places.

I have gained dozens of authentic friendships in these years, most importantly, a friendship with Jesus Christ. In the difficult times, He is there. When I feel like I am losing control, He reminds me that it was never within my control to begin with. In a world ruled by disagreement and division, He reminds me that there is only one enemy. I thank God every day for bringing me and my family back to those pews and for the gift that is St. Francis de Sales.

- Jess Pickering & Family

SPARK IGNITES FAITH OF CRADLE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Six years ago, I was your typical "cafeteria Catholic," attending Mass on Christmas, Easter, some family weddings, funerals, with the occasional normal Sunday Mass sprinkled in. Having been born and raised Catholic and attending Catholic schools for 14 years, I mostly participated in my faith because it was the normal, expected, routine thing to do in my family. If I am honest, I never gave those behaviors a second thought or considered whether there was something I was missing. We had always planned on sending our kids to Catholic schools. Why? Because I went to Catholic school, and my husband went to Catholic school. It wasn't until our oldest daughter began attending St. Francis that I really began to give serious consideration to the question "why?" She would come home from school with questions I couldn't answer. She would even teach me a thing or two that I didn't

TRANSFORMED FROM THE INSIDE OUT

You may know me as Deacon Eric's wife or the mom of those seven Wright children. My family has been a parish member since 2002 and we have always been very active in the parish. Our children were in Scouts, Parish School of Religion, participated in VBS, Little Flowers Girls Club, youth ministry, attended St. Francis School, served as altar servers, in the choir, and much more. We attend nearly every social event and picnic, were at all the special liturgies, went to adoration, and when the kids cooperated, and even sometimes when they did not, I was at daily Mass. As a young Catholic mom, I did all the pious things and even became a Secular Franciscan. On the outside my spiritual life seemed to be flourishing.

I have always loved my parish family, so it was no surprise that I readily took a job at the parish in 2016 to help clean up the parish finances. I remember how saddened I was when I looked at the financial state of the parish. It seemed almost impossible to fix, but I recognized that the financial reports of the parish were only a snapshot of what was happening within our walls. As a parish we had stopped growing. It was as if we forgot what it truly means to be alive in Christ. I must be honest, I wanted to quit. This was too big of a job, but I knew God put me here for this.

At the time, I was at my most unhealthy weight: 349 pounds. I had high blood pressure, was pre-diabetic, and had very high cholesterol. My physical state mirrored the financial state of the parish I loved and for the same reasons! I had quit growing, and I had forgotten what it meant to be truly alive in Christ. Both my body and my parish were in grave decline. The task of repairing both the parish finances and my health seemed monumental.

It so happened that in late 2018, I was offered a gift of health coaching to help me address my physical state and embark on a journey to become the best version of myself. Those who have been with St. Francis for a while know then, I have undergone an amazing physical transformation (150+ pounds lost). I love showing my before and after pictures because they are an outward sign of what has happened inside my mind and my heart. My friends, it is the makeover within my interior life where the true transformation took place. Yes, I worked on diet and exercise because as St. Francis de Sales says you must "take care of your body so that you may serve Him more fully." Clearly, physical health is important, but like many of our parishioners, I made it a point to take part in the some of the opportunities brought to our parish by your generous stewardship: Alpha, Reboot, Unbound, Walking with Purpose, Women's Studies and Retreats, Healing the Whole Person, Unveiled, Alpha Marriage, Spiritual Direction, and Spiritual Coaching.

As diet and exercise chipped away at the outside of my body, Jesus chipped away at my heart. Oh, how I wish you could see it! My life will never be the same and I am so grateful to this

parish for the opportunities it has given me to heal from the inside out.

Similarly, as I look around at our parish, I see an amazing transformation: from decline to vibrancy, from financially unhealthy to balanced and clear books. It is a perfect metaphor for what has happened within my heart and those of so many through faithful stewardship. As the Director of Finance for our parish I must tell you that what has taken place here is nothing short of miraculous.

Nothing is impossible with God. We have moved many souls and helped to heal many wounds through our programs, but there are so many, many more people to reach. I pray you will continue on this journey to keep Christ alive in our parish and beyond.





Without the generosity of this parish, not only financially but your prayers and goodwill, our incredible staff and the commitment and support of Father Sizemore we would not have been able to do all the mighty things the Lord has lit the path for us to do. Please see our website Com4us.life or our Facebook page for more information on how to get involved.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Shannon Walker

A Year In Review

Catholic Outreach Ministries has had an incredible third year and would like to convey a heartfelt thank you to the over 125 volunteers who have put their time and treasure into this call to action. We have been busy with our Ministry of the Poor where we are helping fill the gap with our neighbors - financially, materially and spiritually. We have fed over 3,000 meals to those on the streets and helped approximately 8,000 individuals in financial need. New ministries added this year are; The Upper Room, The Rachel Project, Walking With Moms In Need, and Operation Samaritan's Purse.

Highlights

- COM collaborated with the school to help ease the financial burden of 2,384 meals, as well as 14 summer or winter camp scholarships and 5 adult faith formation conference fees.
- COM donated monies for a new ultrasound machine for Heartbeats of Licking County.
- Secured a new ministry operation headquarters with room for storage that houses our golf cart and inventory needed for Street Evangelization.
- Special fundraising events like a Benefit Concert featuring the Matt Munhall Trio, Respect Life Euchre Tournament, and the MacArther fall clothing drive.
- Homebound parishioners were served both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals delivered to their homes by our COM volunteers.

Community Partnerships

The St. Vincent de Paul Haven, Pantry and Thrift Store, Habitat for Humanity, Licking County Coalition of Care, Heartbeats of Licking County, Catholic Social Services, and several of the St. Vincent de Paul parish conferences.

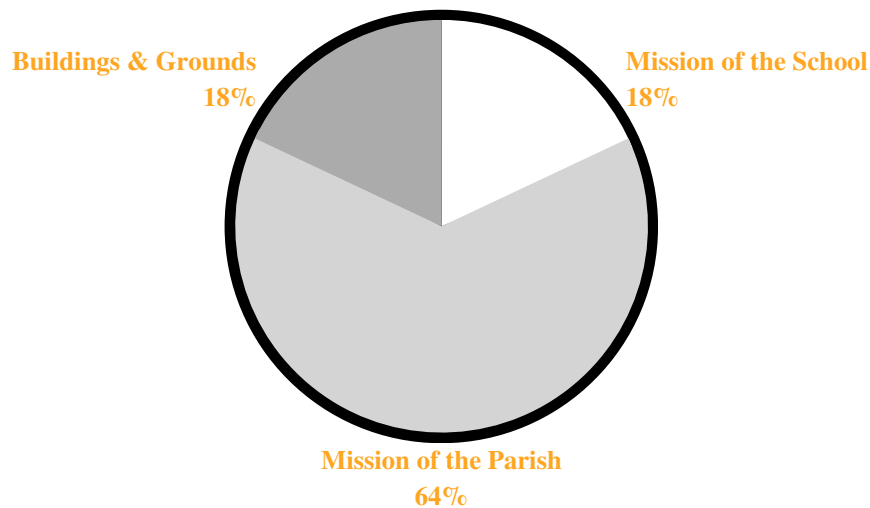


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2022-23 Budget Plan

The budget for the coming year takes into account our current inflation rate. It allows for a modest increase in staff wages and necessary increase in program budgets. Most importantly it includes the cost of a much-needed Parochial Vicar for our parish. Please remember that Capital Expenditures are covered by our Foundations Campaign Funds We are projecting that the offertory income will match the following expense:

| 2022-23 Budget Plan | |
|---|------------------------|
| Mission of the School | |
| School and Preschool Expenses (this is net cost to parish) | \$ 274,675.88 |
| Mission of the Church | |
| Faith Formation: Adult and Youth | \$ 199,062.68 |
| Secondary School Support Paid (Newark Catholic Parishioner Sponsorship) | \$ 26,289.00 |
| Church Supplies, Music, Ministry/Administrative Salaries, Admin Costs | \$ 729,252.19 |
| Total Mission of the Church | \$ 954,603.87 |
| Buildings and Grounds | |
| Building and Grounds (Parish Side Only) | \$ 182,357.59 |
| Assessment | \$ 83,385.40 |
| Capital Improvements | |
| Total Buildings and Grounds | \$ 265,742.99 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,495,022.74 |
| **** Amounts include a proposed Associate Pastor | |



Our basic cost to run the parish increases with inflation and growth. Although we have a very large staff, only half of our staff is paid. The others are volunteer/unpaid staff who graciously give their time to the mission of our parish. Of the staff that is paid, only some are paid at full salary. The others work on a smaller missionary salary so that we can fill much needed positions at a fraction of the cost.



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ESTHER 4:14

*“Nothing about my birth—or yours—
was random or accidental.
I was born for this time—and so
were you.
We were each chosen for a
particular,
cosmically important task that can
be done by no one else.”*

—Christine Cain, *Undaunted: Daring to Do
What God Calls You to Do*



OFFERTORY COMMITMENT FORM

Dear Fr. Dave,

Please accept this pledge as my commitment to support the daily operations and the many ministries of St. Francis de Sales Parish and School. My total annual financial commitment is \$ _____ in thanksgiving for God's blessings in my life.

I will give a:

- Weekly Offering of \$ ____ x 52 weeks = Annual \$ _____
- Monthly Offering of \$ ____ x 12 months = Annual \$ _____
- One-time gift of \$ _____ in _____ (month)

I will give using:

- Option One – Envelopes
- Option Two* – Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
Complete the account authorization for an Electronic Funds Transfer on the next page.
- Option Three* – Electronic Check from bank. Use your bank's 'Bill Pay' feature to designate "St. Francis de Sales Offertory" as the payee and note envelope #.

**Please note that parishioners who elect EFT, send Electronic Checks from their bank, or elect reminder statements, will receive quarterly envelope packets for special collections such as Endowments, Outreach to the Poor, Altar Flowers and Diocesan collections. If you rather not receive these envelopes, initial here: _____.*

I understand that the determination of my ability to fulfill this commitment shall rest with me and my good conscience. I reserve the right to alter this commitment in the event of unforeseen circumstances. I will communicate any updates with the parish office.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Print Name (s): _____

Street: _____ City, State Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office or just drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions or concerns, call Kathryn Sardini at 740-345-9874 x 257. We are very grateful for your support in helping to make disciples and disciple makers!

St. Francis de Sales Parish
Offertory Committee
45 Granville Street
Newark, OH 43055

If you have any particular prayer requests that you would like to share with Fr. Dave and our team, please list them here:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER - MAKING GIVING EASIER

Many parishes offer the option of electronic funds transfer (EFT) for those parishioners who are comfortable with transactions such as debits from one's bank account, charges to one's credit card, or banking by computer. For the past few years St. Francis de Sales has been offering the option of EFT, which has proven to be a safe, easy, and beneficial method of fulfilling annual offertory commitments for both the church and parish families for several reasons, including:

- There are no checks to write, no checks to remember, and no checks to lose.
- The parish saves money because EFT reduces bank costs and parish office administrative work.
- Offertory record keeping is more accurate because we get monthly EFT bank statements.
- Even the best intentioned parishioners can forget their envelopes now and then. EFT means your parish receives your commitment regularly, including the times you are away for vacations or work.
- EFT allows you to plan the amount you will give monthly and annually, rather than giving cash in the collection basket. Plus, EFT tracks your giving for tax deduction purposes.

The use of EFT stabilizes our income so we can succeed with our mission.

Complete the information below for your selected method of payment and account authorization:

Note that if you are using EFT for your Building Fund/Endowments or Outreach to the Poor Pledge, you may use different accounts for each transaction. You may also choose different payment dates for each pledge.

Automatic Withdrawal from Checking or Savings

I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to establish automatic withdrawals.

My annual offertory commitment is \$ _____ in monthly withdrawal amounts of \$ _____ on 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month from my:

- Checking account (attach voided check) Savings account (attach voided deposit slip)

Signature(s) _____

If you would prefer to have a different date or have weekly, or bimonthly payments please call the accounting offices at 740.345.9874 ext 223.

Automatic Credit Card Charges

I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to automatically charge my annual offertory commitment of \$ _____ in monthly installment of \$ _____ on the 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month to my:

- Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Signature(s) _____

Name

on Card _____ Card Number _____

Expiration

Date _____

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